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Price, FIVE DOLLARS, or Two DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. de POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

NOTICE.

M R NG MEI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,

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Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentleman, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

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RED HEART RUM.
SHOOTING BOOTS.
SPORTING GEAR, of all Descriptions.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 23rd November, 1878, at 11 a.m., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road, East.

The following UNSERVICEABLE GOVERNMENT STORES:

Old Bedding, Blankets, Brass, Canvas, Copper, Cordage, Rugs, Paris of Harness, Cast and Wrought Iron, Leather, Cotton Linen and Woollen Articles, Waterproof Sheets, Steel, Timber, Tin, Tents, Zinc, Great Coats, Cement Casks, Packing Cases, Leather Pouches, Pistol Holsters, Zinc Canteens, Camp Kettles, and Various Miscellaneous Articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All faults and errors of description to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

F. C. P. SILVEIRA,
For Commr. Gen. of Ord. China,
Ordnance Office,
Hongkong, November 18, 1878. no23

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & CO. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagors, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class

IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"A. M. E. B. I. G. A.", of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engined by Messrs TON and MCGREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multibular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; in Star Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; 'Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARTFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft for 8; Bollards returned in Hongkong in June; and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be Sold SEPARATELY.

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HUGHES & LEGGE,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878. no23

Entertainment.

V. R.

GARRISON THEATRE.

THE BAND AMATEURS OF

HER MAJESTY'S 74th HIGHLANDERS

will, by kind permission of Colonel JAGO,

give a

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

ON MONDAY EVENING,

The 25th Instant.

The Performance will commence with a Comedy, in Two Acts, by

PELHAM HARDWICK, Esq.,

Entitled:

"A BACHELOR OF ARTS."

To conclude with a Farcical Extravaganza,

in One Act, by

MURRAY BROUGH and HALIDAY,

Entitled:

"THE COLLEEN BAWN SETTLED AT LAST."

Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats, 1 DOLLAR.

Front Seats, 50 CENTS.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARIPIERES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Anadyr*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 15th Inst., at 8 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 22nd November, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 15, 1878.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Argyll* having arrived from the above Porte, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 o'clock To-day.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878.

Intimations.

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN HONGKONG.

CON arreglo al pliego de Condiciones que se halla de manifiesto en este Consulado y en el Aviso de Guerra Español "MARQUES DEL DUERO" hasta las 11½ de la mañana del 29 del actual; se saca a publica licitación la LIMPIEZA DE LOS FONDOS DE DIFERO BUEY, LA CONSTRUCCIÓN DE UN BOTE, para si misma y otras REPARACIONES.

Dicho Acto tendrá lugar en la Cancillería de este Consulado a las 12 en punto del referido dia 29 y hasta media hora antes se admitirán las proposiciones que se presenten, las cuales han de estar arregladas al modelo que el final del pliego de condiciones se copia.

Hongkong, 18 de Noviembre de 1878.

El Consul Interino, JOSÉ VELEZ.

MOORE & Co.,

"PARISIETY STORES"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Cheap Rates in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, August 28, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING Amoy and Foochow, leaving Hongkong September 16th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1ST OF OCTOBER, DR. EASILACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key—Russell & Co.

LONG MACALAY, British barque, Capt. B. Monkman—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

FORTESCUE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor—Arnold, Karborg & Co.

COMMISSIONER, British ship, Captain A. Morrison—Meyer & Co.

GITAISLA, British barque, Captain Wallace—Captain.

ATLAS, British barque, Captain Robert Falconer—Captain.

FAUNA, French barque, Captain E. M. Gotoyo—Landstein & Co.

MATTHEWS, American ship, Capt. J. H. Daws—Moyer & Co.

NAPSTER, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryson—Messageries Maritimes.

FINIS OF NORTH, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper—Olyphant & Co.

CONGO, German barque, Captain H. Steffens—Siemsen & Co.

COLOMA, American barque, Captain M. Hall—Russell & Co.

EARL OF DURHAM, British barque, Captain James Best—Captain.

HOTSPUR, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. W. O. Kulp—Edward Schellbach & Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jenck—Arnold, Karborg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"AMOY."
G. H. DRAWER, Master, will be despatched for the above Port To-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passages, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, November 22, 1878.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 15, 1878.

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POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

For S. S. *Oceanic*, sailed 1st November, 1878.—For Yokohama, 630 pks. Iron, 30 pks. Castor Oil, 2,600 pks. Merchandise, and 1,177 bags Sugar; for San Francisco, 33,193 bags Rice, 71 bags Sugar, 110 bags Black Pepper, 157 pks. Tea, 4 pks. Crude Opium, 3 bags Raw Silk, 1 box Silks, 183 Empty Quicksilver Flasks, 29 boxes Prepared Opium, 4,063 pks. Merchandise, and 1 box Treasures (\$700); for Boston, 12 bags Raw Silk, and 172 half-chests Tea; for New York, 68 pks. Tea, 34 cases and 225 bags Silk, and 4 pks. Matting; for Chicago, 24 half-chests Tea.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight—Olympic leaves for Swatow, 4 p.m.—Amoy leaves for Ningpo and Shanghai.

Auction.

11 a.m.—Sale of unserviceable Govt. Stores at H. M.'s Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road East, by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Amusement.

Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, November 24.—

Daylight—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, November 25.—

9 p.m.—Theatrical Performance by the Band of the 74th, at the Garrison Theatre.

Goods per Argyle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, November 28.—

Noon—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, November 29.—

Tenders for repairs of *Marques del Duero* to be sent before 11.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, November 30.—

Menmar leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date.

TUESDAY, December 3.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, January 20.—

Sale of the Iron Screw Steamship *America*, by Messrs. Hughes & Legge, on or about this date.

MAILED BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Amazon* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Wednesday, 27th Instant—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office doors except the Siege Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 28th Instant—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m.—Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters (but Letters only), except those to and through Australia, to be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 10 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post-Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, November 14, 1878.

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MAILED BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgic*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd December, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:

2 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.,

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When Name From

Mar. Oracle Liverpool

30. Bristolian (s.) Antwerp

Apr. Invincible Penang

June Underwriter Fortress Monroe

July Anne Bow Newcastle (n.s.w.)

16. Lorimer London

18. Sydenham Antwerp

21. Stant Cardiff

22. Pilgrim Antwerp

23. Abbey Cooper Hamburg

30. Summerville Cardiff

31. Charmer Cardiff

Aug. Bury St. Edmunds Penang

7. Alfredo Cardiff

9. Urania Penang

10. Corone London

11. Lotis Cardiff

16. Friedrich Cardiff

Sept. Matchless Cardiff

11. Birth of North Cardiff

14. Excelsior Hamburg

17. James Shepherd London

Oct. 17. Ciliaraman Liverpool [sic O'Farrell]

Nov. Patroclus (s.) Liverpool

6. Feronia (s.) Hamburg

Dec. 1. Salina Vessel South Milton

Hopewell State of the South

At Liverpool

the Catholic priests, for the most part send their children to the secular schools. But the priests dread the effect of this dissociation of religion and learning. They have no finger in the education pie, and so they are doing their best to agitate for an alteration in the law which keeps them outside the school-room. The oddest thing about this agitation is, that Protestant bishop has been made the indirect advocate of Catholic interests, and has become the cause of a religious discussion which promises to grow into a religious fight. As in all contests of a like kind, the opponents of the secular system have not been too scrupulous in the endeavour to prove their case, and, in denouncing what they are pleased to call godless teaching, they are found not to have taken the trouble to make themselves acquainted with easily obtainable facts. So that when Mr Ramsey, the late Minister of Education, read, the other night in the Legislative Assembly, extracts from the State School books, showing their highly moral and religious character, a good many people were a little astonished, being till then under the impression that the compilers of these works had followed Mistress Quickley's advice to Falstaff, when she bade him not think of God at all. Everybody knows that, happily, there is not the remotest chance of the Education Act being altered, or of Sir John O'Shaughnessy's bill being passed; and therefore the wonder is that the agitators go on agitating. But it is the old story. Religious frenzy being the very opposite to reason, those who are sozzled are quite inaccessible to argument of any kind. And concerning the Education question, the debate on the vote for this department brought up Professor Pearson, who put in an ad misericordiam plea for that report of his, which even the Government who employed him to furnish it, now think very dear at the price they paid him for it. Naturally, he clings to his own offspring, and thinks after all, there is something in it, especially now that the Secretary of State has said that he read it and that it is "able and exhaustive." Perhaps, as in other matters, the truth lies midway, and it is only exhaustive to those who are obliged to read it. The question is, did Sir Michael Hicks Beach really read it? You know what Sidney Smith said about reviewing books—that you can criticize them much more dispassionately if you have not been previously prejudiced by reading them. Further, on this education question, Mr Sergeant, a member who up to the present has not signalled himself, has come to the front, having been himself a head-teacher; he knows what teachers have to be, to do, and to suffer; so he insists that the reductions to which they have been subjected are unjust, and that the teachers ought to be restored to their former position, pending the adoption of some general method of payment. He frightened the Government so much that it is believed that they will agree to his proposition of voting £20,000 to compensate the teachers for what they have been deprived of apportionedly. So that it will be seen Mr Sergeant is an added trouble to the growing mountain of troubles which is gradually being heaped up in front of Mr Berry and his friends.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Nov. 22, 1878.

Sir,—Your readers may remember that, during the troubles in the Barbadoes, a defence of Mr. Pope Hennessy's policy appeared in the London *Times*, from the pen of one who was too covariant with that policy to render it doubtful that he had access to information which few people could give. Might it not be well to watch the *Times*, for there we may see the reflection of our unfortunate selves and learn from that inspired organ, to "see ourselves as others see us." I believe it to be contrary to regulations for any officer of Her Majesty's service to write to the newspapers on political matters; but I may be mistaken.

Yours truly,

A. D. C.

Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)

22nd Nov., 1878.

LARCENY.

Chan Sam, a carpenter, stealing two baskets, one carrying poles and 35 cash worth of vegetables, the property of a hawker. Sentenced to two months' hard labour, 14 days of which to be in solitary confinement, and to be exposed 4 hours in the stocks on the Fraya near the Central Market.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

I Ahung, a coolie, no pass after prohibited hours. Fined 21. Fau Acha, hawking bean-curd without a license. Fined 21. Ng Asting, being out without a light at 3 a.m. Fined 21. Chan Apo, the master of House No. 24 Graham Street, wilfully setting fire to fire-crackers of 4 a.m. of the 21st instant without previously obtaining permission from the Superintendent of Police. Fined 21. Yan Achi, a stonecutter, and Yan Yuene, a cook, giving wife false testimony. Fined 10 each.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

22nd Nov., 1878.

The following gentlemen were empannelled as a Jury:—Messrs. J. Noble, T. W. Sewell, G. Taufer, J. M. Ferras, H. M. Bassett, M. Penguin and P. Fladge. Mr. T. C. Bayliss appeared to prosecute in the first case and Mr. Ng Choy in the other two.

Regina v. Chan-Tai-King.

The prisoner was indicted on a charge of larceny by cheating. It appeared from the evidence of the prosecutor, Mrs Wong A-wing, a simple looking maid, that the defendant, who professes to be a doctor and a fortune-teller, induced him to give him (defendant) \$400 which he was going by some dealings with the spirit-world to convert in 7 days into \$8,000. The \$400 were pre-empted after some little trouble on the part of the prosecutor, who had to borrow \$300 from one man and \$50 from another to make it up. It was taken to the defendant all in silver; but somehow the spirits appear to have had a strong and very weighty silver, and their buyers

maws would be satisfied with nothing but bank-notes. The exchange was soon made by the credulous fortune-hunter and the notes handed to the defendant. He however required \$20 more as he said to "buy the sword of virtue to cut away the road." The means of cutting away the road having been procured the \$400 were placed into a box which was not to be opened for 7 days, when by some science unknown to the West on opening the box \$8,000 would be found to have taken the place of the \$400. The same night the box was safely deposited in the prosecutor's room, but he became suspicious and getting off his bed opened the box and found rice. The murderer was out and the prisoner arrested. The prosecutor said in the course of his examination that the prisoner had told him that he had seen his fate that it was a very difficult one, but that he (prisoner) had made a promise to the high gods at the temple. The prisoner said there was a fortune coming to him (prosecutor), but that before it came he must expend some money, and asked for \$1 for himself. He was told by prisoner to bring \$1,500 and it should be converted into \$8,000. He could not obtain the \$1,500 but got \$400, when the prisoner said he would require to get \$20 more to purchase the Virgin Sword and dig away the road. He (prisoner) alleged that he would be put to a very great expense as he would have to burn silver and gold paper and joss paper in order to clear the direction from which the money was to come. When prosecutor brought silver the prisoner said that the Great Spirit required the money to be in paper. The money was supposed to be placed in a little box, and there was another exactly similar besides. One box had in it some rice, and a prayer written on one side, and the other contained rice and a prayer besides a spoon and block on the top of it. Whilst the money was being "fixed" he had to go outside the room and make three bows to the joss and say three cabalistic words. When prosecutor found there was no money in the box, he went to the prisoner and said that he had made a mistake, as there was no money in the box. The prisoner said that I owe the money to Mr de Lille. I don't know that he paid it, except by the bill which is now produced.

By Mr Sharp:—I went through the account sent me by Mr Vernon and Mr MacCallum, but I did not examine the items. I have never received the money or the equivalent. That was one of the receipts sent me from Singapore. I positively swear that Mr MacCallum acknowledged the debt and referred me to Mr Vernon for the other half. He offered to pay the half of the money this morning. He made some remarks to the same effect in Mr Sharp's office.

G. B. Fairlough sworn stated:—I first met the plainif at Singapore. Mr Vernon and I paid the money in the bill (\$250) ourselves. The money came from a sum given to my wife. I was told that the balance (\$135) could be paid by me at any time that it was convenient; he said that every body had a very high respect for Miss May, as well as himself, and he would not take my note of hand. The only unpleasant words we had with Mr Siegfried were in reference to Mr de Lille; he warned me that we had nothing to do with Mr de Lille. Mr MacCallum told me about a week after we left the Hotel that Mr de Lille had paid the balance of the bill. I was very angry and said he had no right to interfere with my private affairs. Mr de Lille had no credit whatever, to my knowledge, at Singapore. Mr Siegfried told me that he had put him in gaol before for 3 months for swindling, and he would put him in again if he had the chance. I don't know that he paid it, except by the bill which is now produced.

By Mr Sharp:—We had not the money to pay the balance. Mr de Lille kept us after that; that was the arrangement. We had no funds. We could have got a passage to Hongkong if we had wished. I never received any pay from Mr de Lille, but he paid my board and lodgings. I would have paid the balance; I would not do so if I knew it was paid. I never knew of any other Hotel-keeper who would allow a bill to stand over for an indefinite period without any acknowledgment. I don't deny that the plainif did pay the bill, but he had no right to do so. Mr Siegfried said de Lille had no credit—not did I know that I had no credit; I never asked for any. Mr Siegfried did take Mr de Lille's promissory note for the balance. I think I ought to pay the amount at my own convenience, and I cannot pay it now. Mr Siegfried left it to Mr Vernon and I to pay at our convenience. I am not a thief. I parted with Mr de Lille before we landed here. He has no earnings of mine that he can deduct the amount from, nor can it be deducted from any future earnings.

By this Lordship:—I consider myself and Mr Vernon liable for one half the amount each, but I have not spoken to Mr Vernon about it. I gave Mr MacCallum authority to offer a note of hand payable at 30 days sight, but did not acknowledge the debt. I did so in order to prevent coming into Court, as it would delay our departure. I acknowledge the money has been paid.

Duncan McCallum was next called, but his evidence, which was corroborative of Mr. Fairlough's, was not concluded when the Court rose at 20 minutes to 6. The case was adjourned until to-morrow at 10.

money was owing by defendant, and had been paid by de Lille.

Mr Sharp appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Donnys for the first defendant; the second defendant was not present being too ill to attend.

Mr Sharp called Mr de Lille and examined him at some length to prove the transaction between him and the defendant; and he was then cross-examined by Mr Donnys. He said he had got a copy of the letter he wrote to Mr MacCallum, who opened it and then returned it. He could swear that he had asked for payment once. He had been responsible for the debts of Miss May from the 2nd August.

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ANOTHER USE FOR THE TELEPHONE.

While on the subject of acoustic wonders, it may be interesting to our readers to hear of another practical use to which the telephone has been put. It seems that a French war steamer has lately been engaged in towing an old ship out to sea from a torpedo training vessel. Attached to one of the towing cables was a conducting wire with one end on either vessel, and it was found that by the action of the sea on the copper sheathing of the ship an electric current was set up, and telephonic communication was at once established along the circuit. So skilful, indeed, was the experiment that conversation could readily be carried between the two ships. This result suggested to the commander of the French war vessel the idea of impressing the telephone into the service of the diver, and in this way—one of the glasses of the diver's helmet is replaced by a copper plate, and in this is inserted a telephonic wire. As in the case of the ship, an electric current is established, by means of which it becomes an easy matter to hold converse with the divers, even while they are "fathoms deep below"—at the bottom of the sea. In cases where it is necessary that divers should make observations whether as to the state of the keel of a ship, or as to wrecks, and report thereon, the practical value of this new use for the telephone is obvious.—*Cassell's Magazine*.

THE SEA SERPENT EXPLAINED.

Dr. Joseph Drew writes to *Nature*:—"On

Monday, August 6, a number of geologists

crossed in the Folkestone boat to Boulogne to study the interesting formations of that

neighbourhood, and when about three or four

miles from the French coast one of these

gentlemen suddenly exclaimed, 'Look at

that extraordinary object passing across the

bow of the steamer, about a mile and a half

in advance of us!' On turning in this direc-

tion there was seen an immense serpent,

apparently about 10 furlongs in length,

rushing furiously along at the rate of 10

or 20 miles an hour; it was blackish in front

and paler behind; its elongated body was

fairly on the surface of the water, and it

progressed with an undulating or quivering

motion—*mirum et spectaculo sano*. Of

course many suppositions were immediately

started to account for this extraordinary

phenomenon, but they quickly changed and

settled into the fixed idea that the object

before them could be nothing less than the

great sea serpent himself. The writer,

fortunately, had with him one of Baker's

best opera-glasses, and after a few moments' use of this little instrument the wonder was satisfactorily resolved. The first half of the monster was dark and

glistening and the remainder of fainter

hue, gradually fading towards the tail. The glass did not determine the matter until the extreme end was reached, and then it was seen to consist of a mass of birds in rapid motion; those that were strong on the wing were able to keep well up with the leaders, and so made the head appear thicker and darker by their numbers, while

those that had lost

their wings were

seen to fly in

the air. The bird life of the sea is

so abundant that it is

not surprising to find

such a creature.

REGINA V. WONG ALUM.—LABOUR.

The prisoner was charged with stealing \$17.30 from the person of one Chan Asing at his (Chan Asing's) house.

After hearing the evidence for the prosecution the case was adjourned, to allow of the prisoner's calling evidence for the defence.

REGINA V. KWAN ACHOT AND LEUNG AMUI.—LAW AND RECEIVING.

The prisoners were indicted the first for larceny and the second for receiving. They were found guilty, but sentence was reserved.

REGINA V. KUAN ASHOK AND LEUNG AMUI.—DISCHARGED BY PROCLAMATION.

John Henry Dixon, a ship's steward who was sent up here from Manila by H. M. S. Consul, charged with stealing a number of articles from his ship, was discharged by proclamation, there being no witness here to give evidence against him.

Ho Acheong and four others, charged with kidnapping, were dealt with in a similar manner. His Lordship advised them to be very careful for the future.

The sessions were then adjourned until tomorrow, when the case of Wong Alum will be concluded and the prisoners sentenced.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor Mr Justice Russell.)

22nd Nov., 1878.

The New Haven (Connecticut) *Palladium* has the following:—Miss Lucy A. Osborne, whose scalp, right ear, and part

of the right cheek were torn off in Sept.

1874, by machinery in which her hair

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